

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 680

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Reverend Hosie L. Hopkins for his meritorious service to New Hope Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hosie L. Hopkins is one such stalwart servant of the Lord who faithfully serves as the pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, considered by his flock to be a portrait of godly wisdom and direction far beyond his forty years, the Reverend Hopkins has employed the lessons gleaned from the mentoring he received in his youth in his own ministry for New Hope; and

WHEREAS, in a short time, the New Hope congregation has grown from forty-five dedicated members to a thriving membership of over 800 under his consummate leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hopkins has tirelessly exercised the gifts of teaching and leadership, involving his flock in the ministries of pastoral care, new membership classes, intercessory prayer, audio and video media, bereavement and hospitality care, liturgical dancing, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, in his unwavering efforts to help the church aid and empower the educational institutions of Memphis, the Reverend Hopkins has volunteered to read to the children of Dunbar Elementary School and has encouraged support of historical Lemoyne-Owens College; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to the community, the Reverend Hopkins hosts annual health fairs, serves as an advocate for breast cancer awareness, and is an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

WHEREAS, an excellent example of a husband, father, and leader, Hosie L. Hopkins is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, First Lady Johnnie Mae Hopkins, and their son, Hosie, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the appreciative members of New Hope Baptist Church will celebrate the Reverend Hopkins's honorable service as their beloved pastor during the commemoration of the congregation's third anniversary on Sunday, February 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, the Reverend Hopkins has demonstrated the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many and diverse members of his congregation at New Hope Baptist Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the Reverend Hosie L. Hopkins for his meritorious service to New Hope Baptist Church and to the community of Memphis, thank him for his humble servitude, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his fruitful ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.